

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during a telephonic interview of July 7, 2006. Applicant's have amended claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner in the interview and in the Interview Summary Record.

Applicants reply to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2006, within four months, so Applicants request a one-month extension and authorize the appropriate fee. Claims 1 and 3-8 were pending and the Examiner rejects claims 1 and 3-8. Applicants amend claims 1, 3, 5, add new claim 12 and address the Examiners remarks. Support for the amendments and new claim is found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments and new claim. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of pending claims 1, 3-8, and 12 (8 total claims, 1 independent) in light of the following remarks.

A. Claim Objections

Applicants assert that the amendments to claim 1 render moot the objection regarding the phrase "slidable along said at least on of said longitudinal edges."

B. Claim Rejections -- 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3 and 5-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,583,454, issued to Börner ("Börner"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Börner merely discloses "a pair of parallel rails on which a removable food-holder can be guided for reciprocation." (See Abstract). The food holder of Börner is fixed to both rails and rotatable only in a plane about a central axis of the fold holder. In contrast, amended claim 1 recites a "food holder further configured to hinge about said first end to allow simultaneous sliding and rotation of said food holder relative to said first longitudinal edge." Thus, Börner

does not teach or suggest a food holder that is simultaneously slidable and rotatable relative to a longitudinal edge of the body.

As suggested by the Examiner during the July 7, 2006 interview, Applicants have amended claim 1 to clarify that the food holder is hinged about the same end of the holder that is connected to the body by the guide. In this manner, simultaneous sliding and rotation relative to the longitudinal edge of the body is facilitated. As clarified and recited in amended claim 1, the food holder is "connectable to said body by a guide located at a first end of said food holder [and is] further configured to hinge about said first end to allow simultaneous sliding and rotation of said food holder relative to said first longitudinal edge."

Accordingly, Börner does not disclose each and every element of independent claim 1. Furthermore, whereas claims 3-4 and 5-8 depend from claim 1, these claims are likewise allowable for the same reasons, in addition to their own respective features. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Section 102 rejection be withdrawn with respect to the claims as amended.

C. Claim Rejections -- 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious over Börner in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,765,472, issued to Kim ("Kim"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Whereas claim 4 depends from claim 1, this claim is likewise allowable for the same reasons discussed above, in addition to its own respective features. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Section 103 rejection be withdrawn with respect to claim 4.

D. New Claim 12

New claim 12 depends from claim 1 and contains all of the elements thereof. Therefore, Applicants assert that new claim 12 is differentiated from the cited references at least for the same reasons as set forth above, in addition to its own respective features.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the currently pending claims properly set forth that which Applicants regard as their invention and that these claims are allowable over the cited prior art.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (602) 382-6544 at the Examiner's convenience, if that would help further prosecution of the subject Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. **This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee.**

Respectfully submitted,

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